

Ground Breaking Ceremony at Bethany Sunset Home, Camrose, Alberta

Quite a large number of people were present Monday evening, September 6, for the ground breaking services at the site of the new Sunset Home in Camrose, Alberta. Pastor J. T. Dahle, chairman of the Board of Charities, conducted the service and turned the first sod. Others who assisted in the service were Pastor K. C. Grundahl of Camrose, who opened with prayer. Pastor J. S. Stolee of Bawlf, who read Psalm 100 and Matt. 25:31-40, and Pastor R. O. Olson of Armena, who closed with prayer. Mr. E. M. Bergh, Camrose, secretary of the Board of Charities, and Mr. R. H. Hume, mayor of the Town of Camrose, also assisted in the ground breaking, together with the above named pastors.

At the close of the ceremony, large earth moving equipment began the excavation of the basement of the new building, and on the following day carpenters began preparing forms for the concrete work.

A photographer was present to take pictures of the event, and Mr.



ABOVE: Pastor J. T. Dahle, chairman of the Board of Charities, turning the first sod. Mayor R. H. Hume of Camrose, members of the Board of Charities, Pastor K. C. Grundahl, local pastor, and interested friends witness the ceremony.

Magneson recorded the service on movie film.

A great deal of interest and enthusiasm has been shown by the people of Alberta in their support of this project. They have realized the value and necessity of a home for the aged

and their response in gifts has been very generous.

The Board of Charities hopes that the erection of this Home in Camrose will be an incentive to complete the plans for building a similar Home in Saskatoon.

Topics of Interest

LITTLE HOPEFUL

There goes Little Hopeful off to his first day of school. With pencil and scribbler tucked under his arm and with bubbling expectation in his throbbing young heart, he embarks for that new world of wonder and promise that parents and playmates have spoken so much about. Nine o'clock finds him seated at a desk with that openness of eyes, ears, mind and heart that a good and wise Creator has given him. Of him the Teacher of the ages continues to say, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

What will Little Hopeful be a year from today; ten years from today? Twenty-five and fifty years from today? Much will depend on what parents and teachers and companions and church workers pour into those open eyes, ears, mind and heart. Let them carefully consider what they give Little Hopeful. —And what they take away from him. Christ says, "Who so shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But who so shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

—Twenty-five or fifty years from now (though changed in outward appearance) will he still have that same openness toward God, that same expectant faith in his Heavenly Father, and that same confidence in man, that makes him in heart, still, Little Hopeful? Or has he become disillusioned, discouraged and disgruntled, because his hopes were built on the shifting sands of worldly wisdom, attainment and possession instead of on God's eternal promises that abide throughout life's storms? May it rather be that the days and years have been permitted to bring him fresh revelations of God's goodness and that he still expectantly attends the school of God's Word where the spirit of Truth leads him to new treasure of wisdom and grace.

May you and I be so Christ-centred that we shall never quench the faith of Little Hopeful until he and we together shall know what it means to have God's marvellous grace completed in Glory. —A. K. H.

To Congregations of Our Canada District

This is NOT for pastors to read, but for the congregations of our Canada District. The figures which follow show how the pastors will use their

money if they have a salary of \$2,400 and parsonage. It may vary some with various pastors, but will be somewhat as follows:

Tithes, i.e. a tenth, to various Christian works	\$ 240.00
Depreciation on his car, per year	200.00
Mileage, 12,000 miles at five cents per mile	600.00
Insurance for self and family	90.00
Pensions, to pension department	110.40
Light, \$4.00 per month	48.00
Fuel, cooking, heating house and garage	120.00
Clothing for self and family	225.00
Groceries, meat and milk	600.00
Phone and long distance calls	50.00
Postage and stationery, personal use	20.00
Papers, daily and periodicals	15.00
Books (good library in 20 years)	20.00
Barber shop	10.00
Doctor, hospital and medicines	50.00
Total	\$2,398.40

Then there will also be the extra expenses as conventions and conferences; the replacements of furniture, rugs, etc., the saving in order to help children to school, and the many other miscellaneous things. It will mean another couple hundred or more; but then he will also get extra money as gifts and offerings where that is in use. Thus these extra things can be taken care of.

The above calls for some sober and sane thinking on behalf of many congregations. I feel free to write in this matter because it is not for personal gain. The congregations I have left are paying this better salary; but I know there are many parishes who expect their pastor to carry on with a salary of \$1,800.00 and some even less. This just can't be done.

The pastor may never ask for more salary, nor complain. He may try to get along; but he will not be able to replace his car when it is worn out in the service of the congregations. He will not be able to replace clothes, furniture, etc. He will not be able to save a little to help his children in school. But even if they don't complain, how can we as congregations, justify such action before God? Having been on the Home Mission board these past eight years, I have seen some of the struggle the District president has had to get people to see

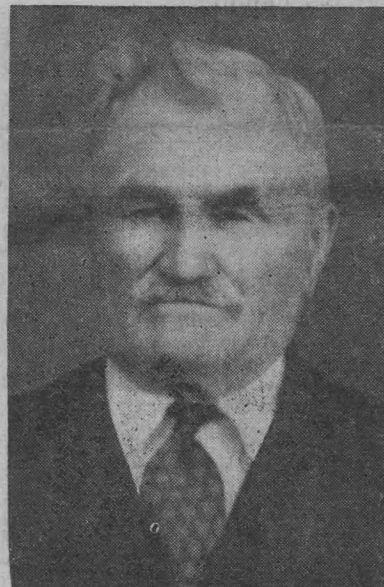
their part in this work. If more people would begin looking into the Word of God to see what it says about our giving, there would be more than enough funds for all the Christian work.

For congregations to skimp as to pastor's salary is the poorest investment they make; no pastor can do his work right if he has to worry about how to make ends meet.

May God bless the work throughout the congregations—G. J. Ostrem.

CHURCH PAPER MONTH

October has been chosen Church Paper Campaign Month for The Shepherd by the board of management. During October therefore the reduced rate of seventy-five cents will apply, for new and renewal subscriptions. Some of you will want to renew for two years because your due date is somewhat past. Your paper relies on your renewal and also your interest in interesting others in the Church Paper of our Canada District. I sincerely appreciate the work of pastors and congregation members that have showed considerable interest in the support of The Shepherd. May it grow more and more. If some congregation is willing to put every one of its members on the Shepherd mailing list it would mean a lot to the work. Send your subscriptions to Josef B. Haave, Admiral, Sask.



THOMAS G. OSTREM

Thomas G. Ostrem passed away Friday, August 20th, after a long illness of cancer of the throat. Mr. Ostrem came from Nebraska; thence to Camrose, Alberta, where besides farming, he also did some lay preaching. In 1932 he moved to Washington, to Blaine and Ferndale vicinities; and in the last seven years has lived in Bellingham.

Funeral services were held at the Ferndale Funeral Home, where Pastors A. L. Hokenson and A. O. Jacobson of Bellingham, and A. H. Solheim of Vancouver, and K. O. Kandal of Matsqui, B.C., took part in the services. Gustav, the oldest son, spoke on behalf of the family. Other pastors present were: B. T. Gabrielson of Seattle, J. Nelson of Bellingham, N. A. Nelson of Ferndale, John Loland of Lawrence, Wash., and Peter Oas of Shevlin, Minn.

Greetings were read from Pastor and Mrs. L. L. Nesvig of Stoughton, Wis., Pastor and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem of South America; Pastor P. Ljostvedt of Stanwood, Wash.; Syver Brenden of Rothsaa, Minn., and Willie Simonson of Tofield, Alberta.

Besides floral tributes, memorials were given to Columbia Lutheran Mission of South America; Sunset Home, Camrose, Alberta; Bethany Old People's Home, Everett, Wash.; Puget Sound Innermission Society; The Evangelical Lutheran Hour,

CFRN Edmonton, Alta.; Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, at Camrose, Alberta; Canton Lutheran Academy, Canton, South Dakota.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife Emma; five sons of whom Gerhard is Pastor Missionary in Columbia Lutheran Mission of South America; Gustav, pastor at Joliet, Ill. Benjamin, pastor at Newark, Ill.; Clarence of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Reuben at home. (Caspar, the oldest son passed away in 1922). Three daughters, Amanda, wife of Pastor L. L. Nesvig of Stoughton, Wis.; Bertine, Mrs. Arthur Skaret of Armena, Alberta, and Evelyn, Mrs. Saunders of Bellingham; Besides these he leaves 20 grandchildren and a host of friends.

A Tribute

As a tribute to Father, the children will ever be thankful to God for his life of prayer. As far back as can be remembered, they heard him mention their names before the throne of grace. There are blessed memories of the family altar when the father gathered the family for united prayer. This became an important factor in shaping their lives. And during his long illness, much time was spent in prayer of intercession for all his fellow Christians. God bless his memory.

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LIVING COSTS

Elsewhere in The Shepherd we find Pastor Ostrem's article entitled, "To Congregations of our District." After the first World War there was also a period of inflation. When we speak about the cost of living, or the increase of same, it is of interest also to have definite figures based on present statistics. That we have at this time passed the peak of the first war's spiraling prices is seen by the following comparison:

1920	1948
May148.2	January148.3
June150.0	February150.1
July150.6	March150.8
August149.1	April151.6
September 147.7	May153.3
October147.4	June154.3
November 145.3	July156.9

The above indices are based on total living costs in the two post-war periods, based on the figure 100 as the average costs of 1935-1939.

The cost of food has been steadily rising. The following table compares the food costs for the same periods:

1920	1948
May196.8	January182.2
June201.7	February18.1
July199.8	March185.9
August194.9	April186.8
September 189.5	May191.2
October188.5	June193.9
November 182.0	July201.3

The foods are now, according to the comparison above, more than twice the price they were in the base period 1935-1939! Other commodities have risen almost in the same ratio. This indicates that a salary of \$200 per month is equal to \$100 per month in buying power, and a salary of \$150 per month is equivalent to \$75.00, based on the price level of 1935-39.

There is need for serious consideration here. We submit the above indices and the article of Pastor Ostrem for careful analysis. Figures tell a story and this story sometimes reveals the temptation to anxious care, and a hampered ministry of some of the servants of the Lord. Has your congregation, or your board faced it?

There is great concern over Lutheran World Action. We are still far from our goal. The need is urgent. It is encouraging to note by the parish papers that many parishes are taking offerings for this worthy cause in the near future. Let us work while it is day for Lutheran World Action also.

The project of Sunday School at Home is making great strides in our District. Looking at the application blanks sent to all the pastors indicates that there are courses from kindergarten to a choice of three post confirmation Bible studies — thirteen courses in all!

Coupled with the outlets for the Children's Chapel, this form of instruction should make a mighty impact. It is a boon to those who have little or no chance to attend Sunday School. The Bible study courses can be used by young and old alike to en-

rich lives in a systematic study of the Word.

Some of the finest type of mission work can be done by seeking out children who need this type of instruction, and also to urge young people and older folks to make use of the studies in Acts, Romans, and Genesis.

Obituaries

ANTON SPAGRUD

Anton Spagrud, youngest son of Hans and Maria Spagrud, born March 21, 1904, in Vaagaa parish, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway.

He immigrated to Canada in 1929 and settled in the Scout Lake district. In 1934 he was married to Alice Isabelle Kabrud. The young couple then moved to Pelly, Sask., where they lived for two years. For the last nine years they have lived at their farm five miles southwest of Rockglen, Sask.

Monday, August 30th, Anton Spagrud met with a tragic accident, falling on a pitchfork. Although rushed to hospital, receiving the best medical treatment, his life could not be saved. He died the following Sunday morning, September 5.

He leaves to mourn the loss, his wife and five children; Eldon, 13; Ralph, 10; Oscar, 8; Olaf, 7, and Myrna, baby daughter, seven months old. Also four brothers and one sister; Ivar at Tisdale, Sask.; Thor, Ole and Carl, and Ragnhild (Mrs. Derosier) at Rockglen, Sask.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. M. A. Steistol at the Grand Valley Lutheran Church, where his remains were laid to rest. Text Is. 40:6-8. Several hundred people came to bid a last farewell to a beloved neighbor and friend. May the God of Grace comfort the sorrowing family. Blessed be his memory.

—M. A. S.

District News

On Thursday, August 5, members of the various Ladies' Aids of the Viking parish held a meeting at Bethania Church, with the W.M.F. Circuit president, Mrs. O. Likness of Irma, presiding. Our delegate, Mrs. L. Foster of Edmonton, gave a splendid report of the W.M.F. general convention held in Minneapolis. An interesting discussion followed. After the session a social hour was enjoyed and lunch was served.

Membership Gain

The gain in members in 1947 over the number in 1946 was 33,547 in the baptized membership and 17,858 in the confirmed membership in the church at large. In our own Canada District the gain in the baptized membership was 281 and the gain in confirmed membership was 151. Although the gain in our district was not as great in percentage as in some of the other districts, yet we are thankful for the gain.

Confirmation Services at Trinity Lutheran Church

Confirmation service was conducted at Trinity Lutheran Church, Torquay on July 18th. Those who confessed their faith in the Triune God were Verna Ruth Pederson, Herbert Julius Olsson, Bernhard Gustav Moberg, Bertil Augustin Moberg, and Mrs. Bernice E. Shelstad. The whole congregation rose to their feet, while these five made their confession and gave their promise before the altar as an indication that they wanted to make the same confession and give the same promise to the Lord. May each service truly be a time of confirmation in our faith and our decision to serve the Lord.

—J. Precht.

The Sunday schools of the Torquay parish held a rally in the church in Torquay on September 4th. A large crowd was present and an interesting program was presented by the various Sunday schools in the parish. The

PRESIDENT DALE LEAVING

Word has reached us that Pastor Mars A. Dale is leaving Canada for a year to head the Appeal for Christian Schools. Pastor Dale will still serve as president of Canada District, but Vice-President J. B. Stolee will conduct official duties. Pastor Evenson will direct Home Missions.

guest speaker was Pastor A. Solheim of Lake Alma, Saskatchewan. Pastor J. Precht conducted the consecration service for the Sunday School teachers.

On September 6th relatives and friends gathered at Viking station to say farewell to Nora Rugland and Gordon Hafso who were on their way to St. Olaf College. From the same parish Agnes Thompson, Eric Lefsrud and Harold Lefsrud are attending Camrose Lutheran College, and Allan Severson, Curtis Satre and Lawrence Likness will soon be leaving for Luther Seminary, Saskatoon.

Lutheran Pastoral Conference

A Lutheran pastoral conference for all the pastors serving congregations adjacent to Swift Current was held in St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Swift Current, Wednesday, September 8th. After a devotional period centering on the second epistle to Timothy, Pastor W. Trelle of Hodgeville gave a comprehensive study on the "Preaching of Sin Today." This was well discussed by the conference. Plans were definitely laid for a Reformation Day rally to be held in Swift Current on October 31 at 2.30 p.m.—J. B. Haave chairman.

The Saskatchewan River Lutheran Church, eleven miles northeast of Outlook, was struck by lightning during a terrific electrical storm about one o'clock in the morning of August 16th. The church which was only lightly covered by insurance, was completely burned to the ground. Through the concerted and quick action of the members of the congregation living near by, it was possible to save almost everything in the church auditorium. Practically everything in the basement was destroyed.

The S.L.B.I. Alumni Association sponsored a new project in sending out one of its members, Mr. Arnold Hagen, on a speaking tour, holding gospel services and contacting former and prospective students. The tour began August 23rd and concluded on September 19.

A modern kitchen with mostly new equipment will be in operation at S.L.B.I. this coming school year. Various repairs have been made at the school and some redecorating has been done.

The Central Saskatchewan Inner-mission Society will hold its annual meeting at Elbow in Bethel church, Rev. J. Lokken's charge, October 1-3. Arnold Hagen, Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, will be the guest speaker. The theme: I John 2:15-20. Come with prayer. Oscar A. Olson, president; Palmer Ringdahl, secretary.

Camrose Lutheran College opened its doors for the new school year with an attendance of one hundred and twenty.

Mr. H. L. Egland, Midale, Sask., terminated thirty-six years of service with the Canadian Pacific Railway, thirty-five years of which was spent as station agent in Midale. Mr. Egland has made a great contribution in the vital interest he has manifested in the work of our church, and in the important Circuit and District positions he has held. Mr. and Mrs. Egland and family have been members of our congregation in Midale. Mr. Egland has held the position of Sunday School superintendent and also

secretary for the congregation for thirty-two years. Mrs. Egland has also held important positions in the church. Their lives have borne Christian testimony in wide circles.

Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Egedahl of Provost, Alberta will be moving to Sedgewick, Alberta to live. Doctor Egedahl has rendered many years of service in our church in Canada and has held many important positions in the District.

Bethany congregation, Parkbeg, is building a church. Twenty-four men poured most of the cement for the basement in one day. After harvest a call for volunteers will again go out for putting up the framework of the building.

Luther Seminary Dedication

October tenth will be an important date in this history of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada. On that day the beautiful Luther Seminary building will be dedicated. Dr. J. A. Aasgaard will officiate, assisted by other pastors and officials. It is hoped that Dr. J. C. K. Preus and Pastor P. Dybvig will also attend. The dedication service will be held at 2.30 p.m. and at the evening session at 7.00 p.m. Dr. O. K. Storaasli will be installed as professor at the seminary.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL RESUMED SEPTEMBER 4th

The favorite children's program, "Children's Chapel," is again being brought to our Canadian children over CFQC, Saskatoon, beginning September 4, at 9.30 a.m.

The first program was "Your Friend in China," a program showing very dramatically the fruits of foreign mission work.

Subsequent programs each Saturday will be "At Home with the Fritz Family," an interview of an actual home where the children take regular lessons in the "Sunday School at Home," and "My Soul More Bent," the life story of Evangelist Allen Lee; and then a continuation of the series in the life of Moses.

These programs are sponsored by the Canada District board of parish education, and are prepared by Bob Lee.

This series will also begin immediately over station CJDC in Dawson Creek, B.C., and in the near future over station CFRN in Edmonton, so all areas of our district will be able to receive the program. Watch for the announcements of the program times in your parish papers.

SWIFT CURRENT CIRCUIT MEETING

The fall meeting of the Swift Current Circuit will be held in Bethel Lutheran Church at Frontier, Sask., October 15-17, beginning at 11.00 a.m., Friday morning. The text chosen for the Circuit meeting is Luke 6: 37-49. Each congregation in the Circuit is asked to send delegates. May we come expecting great things of God and ready to hear and heed His Word.

—Pastor Josef B. Haave, Circuit president.

—E. E. Gordon, Circuit secretary.

Down in their hearts, wise men know this truth: The only way to help yourself is to help others.—Elbert Hubbard.

LUTHER SEMINARY

With the opening of the Seminary school September 21, the boarding club of the boys will be in operation again. We will again be grateful to receive donations of gifts in natura. If anyone has extra vegetables, canned goods or meat, good use can be made of such items. Contact the Dining Club, Luther Seminary, if you have gifts to give.

Jeg er den gode Hyrde.
Joh. 10:11

Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

Den gode Hyrde setter sit
liv til for faarene.
Joh. 10:11

Wadena, Saskatchewan, Andet No. i September, 1948.

Da Jesus Kom . . .

16 s.etter trefoldighet, Johs. 11:19-20

Lasarus hadde alt ligget i graven i fire dager. "Og mange av jødene var kommet til Marta og Maria for aa trøste dem i sorgen over deres bror." Etter jødisk skikk var det mange sørgebesøk. Disse pleide aa staa paa en ukens tid. Marta fikk først vite at Jesus var i nærheten, og straks skynte hun seg for aa møte ham uten aa ta seg tid til aa underrette Maria om det. De to søstres karakter, slik som den skildres her, stemmer ganske overens med skildringen av dem hos —Lukas 10: 38-42. Det er den litt for snare Marta, hvis hjerte dog hang inderlig ved Jesus, og den mere stille Maria.

Saa hører vi om da Jesus kom og Martas møte med Herren. Hennes første ord var, likesom siden Marias første ord, "Herre, hadde du vært her, da var min bror ikke død." Det ord hadde aapenbart ofte lydt mellom søstrene i dagene siden brorens død. Likevel ligger det ingen anklage i dem. De sier ikke: "Hvis du var kommet før." Nei, det ligger kun en stille bedrøvelse i dette ord. Og Lasarus var jo død før budet naadde Jesus.

Dette Martas ord har en dyp anvendelse ogsaa overfor den aandelige død. Hadde Jesus bare vært i det hjem, i den skole eller i den kirke gjennom en levende forkynnelse, slik kan vi nok si det—da hadde den aandelige død ikke faatt noen makt over saa mange som den naa har. Men akk, i saa mange hjem, skoler og kirker er den levende Frelser ikke—av den sorgelige grunn at han er blitt lukket ute. Det var naa ikke grunnen i det vesle hjem i Betania. Nei, der hadde de skynt seg aa sende bud etter ham. Og derfor merker vi ogsaa hos Marta en dunkel forventning om noe vidunderlig som ennaa kunne skje i kraft av Jesu særegne forhold til Gud, et litt taaket haap som ikke riktig visste hva det skulle feste seg ved. Og paa Jesu ord, "Din bror skal opstaa," ser Marta hen mot den fjerne opstandelse paa den ytterste dag.

"Jeg er opstandelsen og livet . . ." Disse Jesu mektige, livsalige ord sikter til aa hjelpe Marta til aa faa blikket vendt bort fra de forskjellige taakete muligheter som stod for hennes tanker, til ham selv, Livets Herre og dødens overvinner. I Jesu ord er talen om den legemlige død og det aandelige, evige saaledes knyttet sammen, at livets seier over døden alle vegne skinner fram, der hvor bare hjertet er kommet til aa leve i troen paa ham selv. Det dype innhold av Jesu ord er egentlig dette, at **den some hører ham til**, skal aldria dø. "Det er jo ei aa dø, naar livet følger med." Det er med rette blitt sagt at "Dog ikke alle her i dødens land griper etter dette ord." Men vi som tror aa ha mottatt dette ord, hvorfor er det ikke en sterkere seierstør i oss? Hvorfor lever vi ikke sterkere i bevisstheten om kraften av Jesu opstandelse og seier?

Det direkte spørsmåal til Marta: "Tror du dette?" er Jesu personlige spørsmåal til hvert enkelt menneske, til deg. Tror du dette? Vel det menneske, som kan svare som Marta svarte; "Jå, Herre! Jeg tror at du er Messias, Guds Sønn, han som skal komme til verden." Det vil si ham som det var lovet skulle komme. Slik kunne Marta svare ut av sitt hjerte; hun hadde knyttet sitt livs tro til Jesu person, til tross for at det var mange ting som framdeles var uklare for hennes tanke og forståelse.

"Døden er opslukt til seier. Død, hvor er din brodd?" Slik jubler Paulus. Slik kan ogsaa du juble dersom

Frelsesvisshet

Et ord særlig til dem som ber om frelsesvisshet

Jeg har slik lyst til aa trøste dere med den trøst "hvormed jeg selv har blitt trøstet av Gud."

Som alt i Guds rike, beror frelsesvissheten paa vaar tro. Overalt i Bibelen finner vi stadfestelsen av dette. Jeg vil nevne særlig det 11. kapitel i Hebreerbrevet og Joh. 3, 16: "For saa har Gud elsket verden at han ga sin sønn, den enbaarne, for at hver den som tror paa ham, ikke skal fortapes, men ha evig liv." Det er skjedd. Det er fullbrakt! Alt er naa fullbrakt, intet staar igjen. Det er bare for oss aa ta imot denne gaven, frelsen, i tro. "For av naade er I frelst ved tro, og det ikke av eder selv, det er Guds gave." Ef. 2. 8. Det er en gave vi maa ta imot, uforskyldt. Det er ikke vaar fortjeneste, noe vi gjør, eller kan noen gang komme til aa gjøre, men det han har gjort i sin uendelige kjærlighet, som gir oss adgang til denne store gaven, frelsens kilde. "Og den som tørster, han komme, og den som vil, han ta livsens vann uforskyldt," Aap. 22, 17. Det er om aa gjøre at vi tror, at vil, og at vi kommer. Og han gjør resten.

Kjære lidende søster og bror, som er heimsøkt av sykdom og smerte, og dog lengter like mye og kanskje mer etter frelsesvisshet som etter legem-

lige helbredelse, ta Guds ord som om det var skrevet særskilt til deg: "Frykt ikke! Jeg har gjenløst deg, kalt deg ved navn, du er min. Se, i begge mine hender har jeg tegnet deg," Es. 43, 1 og 49, 16. Flett dit navn inn i ordene, og se at ditt navn er skrevet med blod i begge de naglemerkede hender.

Selv om vegen foran deg naa synes aa arte seg som en mørk tunnel som blir smalere og smalere helt til det er som de helt lukker seg —tro blindt paa hans blods frelsende og helbredende kraft—saa skal det bli lyst alikevel; du skal seire; "Og de har seiret over ham i kraft av Lammets blod," Aap. 12, 11. Og tro at du maa gjenkom den tunnelen for aa komme videre paa himmelvegen, for aa komme til den neste stasjon, saa gaar det "fra lys til lys" helt til det blir høglys dag." Og tro at ingenting kan ta frelsen fra deg kan forandre det som er fullbrakt.

"Hverken trengsel eller angst eller forfølgelse eller hunger eller nakenhet eller fare eller sverd—hverken død eller liv, hverken engler eller krefter, hverken det som naa er eller det som komme skal, eller noen makt, hverken høgde eller dybde, eller noen annen skapning skal kunne skille oss fra Guds kjærlighet i Kristus Jesus, vaar Herre," Rom. 8, 35, 39.

—Iilya Lind i F.F. og R.

Mission News

Word has just come that some of the missionaries home on furlough will be leaving for China on October 15th from San Francisco. This includes Miss Clara Jones, the Talbert Ronning family, the Hylands, and perhaps the Aamodts. Miss Jones will be stationed at Peiping. Our prayers and our gifts to missions go with these faithful stewards of God in foreign fields.

L.S.A. ASHRAM

From Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the west coast to the New England States, came Lutheran students to the beautiful National Music Camp at Interlochen, Michigan, for the International Ashram, August 30-September 5. There were students from every Lutheran Synod (some foreign countries)—almost a thousand students and visitors! Under the mighty theme: "If We Obey Him," Student Service Director, Dr. Morris Wee, and National L.S.A. President Bob Larson and their helpers, prepared a Christ-centred program for this youth gathering. From the early morning matins, through the morning message, the small Bible study groups, followed by the group technique session, filled the forenoons to the brim. In the afternoon special interest groups met in the many buildings available at Interlochen.

We met two afternoons with the "Foreign Student Group." We were privileged to ask questions and have them answered by students from Hawaii, China, Japan, Norway, Finland, Germany, France and Holland. At the same time many other groups discussed interesting and helpful topics. The rest of the afternoon was spent in general fellowship and sports.

The evening session was impressive. Meeting in Kresge Hall, an open

du lever og tror paa ham som er opstandelsen og livet, for da er Jesus kommet til deg og du har seier over døden.

Fra de frelste skarer lik en mektig sjø Bruser jublen: vi skal ikke dø!

—H. Arnhold Strand.

air auditorium, Pastor Alvin Rogness delivered the evening messages. Following this was the Camp Fire with antiphonal singing from boats out on the lake. This again was followed by discussion groups.

The closing of the Ashram on Saturday evening with the communion service, followed by the moving candle lighting ceremony, was impressive. Thus ended an Ashram. It is evident with the many racial and synodical backgrounds that we did not all share the same views in all things, yet there was a peculiar and blessed melting together about the Cross of Jesus.

Eleven Canadians attended Ashram. It was a never to be forgotten experience for all. We felt that our leaders were earnestly attempting to pursue the objective stated thus in the student service commission bulletin:

"To stand beside the Lutheran student on every campus, buttressing his faith in Jesus Christ during his bewildering student experiences so that he may emerge from the college world every inch a Christian." —V.

L.W.A. Report from New York

We felt badly when we received the L.W.A. report from Empie's office the other day. The E.L.C. was fifth from the top in contributions sent in, with only 33 percent remitted. ALC had sent in 80 per cent, ULC, 51.3, and Augustana 47.3, Finnish 44 per cent and then ELC. There is no need for such a showing. A report from Bergsaker's office shows we have sent in only some over 40 per cent of our apportionment from Canada. That means work and hard work!—The Canadian Crusader.

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I Brennpunktet

EN KIRKE

I aposteltiden var det bare den ene og samme kirke, enten det naa gjaldt menigheten i Antiokia eller Jerusalem eller et annet sted. Etter noen hundreaar kom skisma mellom kirken i øst og vest. Med reformasjonen kom flere kirkesamfunn til. Ogsaa i dag dannes det nye kristne samfunn. Men siden den første verdenskrig har de kristne kirker nærmet seg hverandre i en annen grad enn tidligere i kirkehistorien.

At kirken har vært saa opdelt skal bare være et uttrykk for livets mangfoldighet, mener noen. Enkeltvis har de en del av sannheten, men samlet eier de hele sannheten. Forstandsmessig er det vanskelig aa gripe at splittelse er noe Gud vil. Den har sikkert sin rot i vaar menneskelige synd og egenvilje. Derav striden og bitterheten. Dog kan de kristnes skyld i denne henseende aldri bli noen gyldig unnskyldning for dem som ikke tror. Det er i Bibelens ord at verden skal møte Kristus, ikke i de kristnes liv, skjønt det er noe sant i det at de kristnes liv er verdens bibel.

Det er selvsagt kristne mennesker ogsaa utenfor vaart eget kirkesamfunn. Der er en enhet i Kristus tvers over og igjennom kirkesamfunnene. Og det er den enhet som fører sin store innflytelse paa vaart forhold til de kristne i andre kirkesamfunn. Men saa det som skiller, lærespørsmålene, tro og overbevisning? Ikke bare enheten, men ogsaa skilnaden maa tas alvaarlig. Og enheten kan styrkes ved at vi blir sterke og levende lemmer i vaar egen kirke. Der er en ganske annen aandens enhet mellom en frimodig og glad lutheraner og en sterk anglikaner enn mellom en sløv lutheraner som ikke bryr seg om sin kirkes bekjennelse og en helt lunken anglikaner som ikke riktig vet hva han tror. For ingen kan leve et sterkt og sunt kristenliv paa nøytral grunn utenfor kirkens konfesjon. Vi naar ikke fram til en kirke ved at noen forlater sin egen forsamling for aa møtes paa nøytral grunn. Det gis nemlig ingen slik grunn.

En kirke er ikke noe som kan arrangeres av mennesker. Ordet "enhetsbestrebelse" er derfor missvisende. Det blir ikke kristen enhet av at de kristne forener seg. Enhet—en kirke er en gave fra Gud. Den virkes gjennom naadens midler—ordet og sakramentene. Enhet krever at disse midler brukes rett, og bibelen krever at ordet forkynnes purt og rent og sakramentene forvaltes rettelig. Hvor det ikke skjer er der ingen enhetsgrunn tilstedet tross alle menneskelige anstrengelser, og Kristus og kristendommen krenkes. —H. A. S.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before . . . I press on . . ." (Phil. 3:13).

After a busy summer of Luther League activity, this text from the activist, Paul, ought to spur us on. Our District Luther League has been busy with Circuit rallies, Bible camps, and the District convention at Grande Prairie, among other events. Naturally, many of you Leaguers will think you have been so busy with the Luther League this summer that you must let down now for a while. However, can we ever do this work in the Kingdom? If we do, Satan is given the advantage and surely will make use of his opportunity.

Paul had lived a busy life, with a deep passion for souls. He writes to the Philippian Christians from prison in Rome. His activity in a way is curtailed. However, he states to them that he forget his past achievements for the Kingdom and presses on "toward the goal, unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

So we, too, as Luther Leaguers need in the fall of the year to get our eyes on our goals for the coming days. What are some of these goals, that we ought to bear in mind continually?

1) **Prayer for our youth work.** You are never too busy to pray. Oh, you sometimes think you are, but then you know that Satan is trying to cripple your spiritual life and expression by curtailing your expression. Luther once said that when he felt he was to busy to spend one hour a day in prayer, he always took two hours for prayer, because he knew that Satan was gaining in his life. Is this the temptation also for you? The goal of our youth work is "holding and winning young people for Christ." What a marvelous goal this is. Young people for God's Kingdom! Will you support this in your prayer life?

2) **Putting our inspiration to work for Christ.** There have been many inspirational moments in our Luther League activities this summer. We thank God for that. But what good is inspiration, if it doesn't bring some permanent result to us or to others.

It has been well said, "Impression Without Expression Leaves Depression." Have not you experienced this? If you share some of your inspirational blessings with others, you feel you have helped spread the good news. But if you let it die within yourself, you feel you have been a traitor to the Lord. What about the 271 young people that were at the District convention in Grande Prairie? If they could each witness to the blessings of the Lord they received, would not that be a mighty rustling through the mulberry leaves? Or the thousand strong, young people that attended our nine Bible camps this summer?

If only half of them could be more consecrated witnesses to the love and power of the Gospel in Christ Jesus, there would be mighty things going on in our youth work this fall.

As Pastor Dale noted in the last "Crusader," "But the power that was manifested at Grande Prairie has to be harnessed and put to use in the everyday life of the congregation. And that shouldn't be difficult in the countless opportunities that lie before us. How about the congregations that are served only every third or fourth Sunday? How about the field that hasn't been surveyed? How about those children that are not gathering for Sunday School? Certainly these young people can be used to perform much of the Kingdom work in our midst."

Yes, Leaguers, advisors, pastors, let us put this power to work. Let us make the Christian work program a

REFLECTING ON GRANDE PRAIRIE

One cannot forget Grande Prairie very easily. I doubt that I will ever forget it. It was not only the convention sessions that gave one such a feeling of kinship and fellowship with other Christian young people. It was the spirit of Christian adventure and boldness that one saw everywhere. The 68 passengers that arrived by special bus eight hours late probably started it. They were jovial and happy as larks, despite the broken axle, and other discouragements. Then cars arrived and drivers told of trouble of one kind and another, and yet all seemed to be happy nevertheless. Three flat tires, a fan through the radiator, broken headlights, and all the rest seemed to unite our young people into one grand body of Christian travellers.

Not all were able to take part in the excursion up the Alaska highway to Fort St. John on Monday, following the convention. But yet there were over 150 in that party, two special buses, and 14 cars. It is regrettable that the excursion fell behind schedule and didn't get to go as was planned because of threatening skies. But I am sure that the high spot of the whole convention was for that party of about 150 people to meet after supper in Valhalla Centre in the yard of the venerable, Dr. H. N. Ronning, and have a song and praise service. Oh, what enthusiasm in the singing. Oh, how the spirit of God tugged at the heart strings as we shared in Christian fellowship with him and his family! Perhaps a few at that time saw, as never before, what it means to be bold and adventure-some for the Kingdom of Christ, as Dr. Ronning made his remarks to us about his early days in the Peace River country.

It was regrettable, too, that the group couldn't go to Sexsmith where the hard-working Leaguers had prepared refreshments and were waiting their arrival. They had even prepared souvenirs to give of the party. These were passed out the next day on the buses. These impressions will last for a long time.

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 8-9

The first meeting of the new Luther League Board of the Canada District will be at Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, on October 8th and 9th. The first session will be at 2 p.m., on Friday, October 8th. All of the newly-elected District officers plus the Circuit presidents are the members of the District Luther League Board. If any of the Circuit presidents are unable to attend, they should ask the vice-president or some other Circuit officer to take their place at the meeting. Travelling expenses will be paid to board members.

There will be many matters of importance brought before the District board. The "Faith in Action" program, which received the enthusiastic approval of the District convention, will be discussed, and plans made for expansion along the lines suggested at the convention. Such lines were especially in lay evangelism and instruction of the young in the remote areas. This is to supplement the parish workers' program which will be continued and, it is to be hoped, also expanded into other rural and urban areas.

reality in every League. Let us not let the inspiration and blessings of the past summer be short-circuited so that there is defeat and depression, when there ought to be victory and joy in the life in Christ Jesus.

Every League at work for Christ!
—O. K. Storaasli, president.

Then the board must also concentrate on raising funds for the "Faith in Action" program. We have, for the past two years, had a "Faith in Action" Sunday when most Leaguers had a special youth program, and raised money for our District project. This must be continued, but to date there have been no definite dates nor a definite plan approved. Again, we hope to have offering envelopes for the project printed and distributed to each of our Leagues. Send your suggestions with your Circuit president.

The board will also discuss the plans for the International convention in Saskatoon on June 29-July 3, 1949. The District League is responsible because the invitation came through it, and we must be prepared in every way to assist and carry out the plans laid down by the convention committee. Already reservations for rooms have come in, and we anticipate a very large attendance.

The board also hopes to have some of the visual educational slides of Bible camp shown by our Bible camp co-ordinator, Mr. G. Loken. The board has appropriated a certain sum especially for this work, and for Bible camp publicity, and will perhaps want to vote an additional sum when it reviews the work and expenditures that have been made to date.

Perhaps one of the most important tasks of the District board will be to review the Grande Prairie convention and make pertinent suggestions for our next convention. Many things could have been made more practical, and the board will pass resolutions in that regard. It also will go over the convention expense account, and give its approval to the expenditures which have been made.

Board members and Leaguers, will you remember to pray for this board meeting, and the matters that are to be considered?

GRANDE PRAIRIE TRANSPORTATION WINDUP

I wish to report one or two items that Leaguers, especially those that travelled by chartered bus, would like to know.

The first concerns the rate charged as compared to the rates quoted at various times in The Shepherd and in the various "Echoes." The final rate charged was considerably higher than the earlier estimates. The reason for this, I would like to point out, is that in the first fares quoted, no account was taken of the charge made by the bus company for "waiting time." We were charged so much per bus hour for every hour the buses were held after the first 24 hours. This accounts for the discrepancy in the rates estimated and the final charge. Even at that, however, the rates were considerably lower than regular bus rates.

Another matter is that of adjustments in individual fares. There may be those that should have adjustments made in the way of a refund. I have the names of some such but there may be others. If you feel that you have a claim for adjustment, please let me know right away. Here are the rates charged so that you may know whether you have a refund coming or not:

Edmonton — Grande Prairie, \$14.70, return.
Edmonton — Fort St. John, \$20.00, return.
Edmonton — Grand Prairie, \$10.00, single.
Grand Prairie to Fort St. John, \$5.25, return.

Finally the matter of what to with the deficit, or surplus. It is practically impossible to forecast just exactly what each bus passenger should pay until the trip is over. Consequently a

rate was determined that I thought would give a little margin and thus avoid going in the red. Well, we got our margin alright, and I'm in a little bit of a quandry (just a little mind you) about what to do with it. After all refunds of deposits to those who at the last minute decided not to go by bus and a few expenses in connection with the project have been paid, there will be about a \$30.00 surplus. Now I don't propose to buy 60 to 65 postal notes for 43 cents each and mail these out to the bus travellers but I offer this solution and I hope that all of you will agree. (I dare anyone to ask for that 43 cents.) This surplus will be turned over to our District treasurer and he will take care of it from there on. Agreed?

—L. S. Olson, convention transportation director.

NEWS FROM MANITOBA

A week at Bible Camp

As we have no Bible camp here in Manitoba, we were very glad to attend the Augustana Bible camp at Kenora, Ontario. They were very kind to take us in. The camp was held on Sultana Island, eight miles from Kenora, so to reach our destination we had to travel by boat. We were all (sixteen of us all told) fascinated by the beautiful countryside and the innumerable islands.

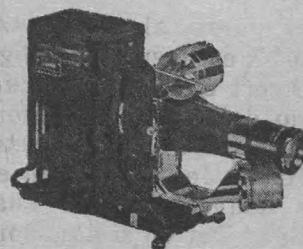
Finally, after passing numerous islands, we reached our island which was quite a good site for our camp. There was a very good beach for swimming and also good sleeping quarters. We had good leaders and met many nice young people.

Our day at camp was a full one. Those who wanted to have a morning dip got up at half-past six. We had breakfast an hour later and then had a free period until nine when we all gathered for Bible study until dinner time. The whole afternoon was spent in sports. Baseball and boating took up the first part of the afternoon. Then we had a good time swimming until supper. After supper there was an enjoyable period of boating after which we had our evening service. Usually we gathered down at the lake where we could watch the sinking sun and the beautiful tinted clouds reflected in the lake below. When our evening service was over those who wished could go swimming for half an hour before going to bed.

Although we enjoyed the interesting activities, we got more out of the Bible study which was so instructional and inspiring. "Rock of Ages" was chosen as the theme. The study was divided into three classes each about an hour in length. The first study was on Paul's epistle to the Colossians. Our next class was usually taken by Miss Isaacson, a missionary from Bolivia. We looked forward to her talks because she always had something interesting to tell us about the progress of the missions in Bolivia and of the life of the people there. After this class which seemed to go so quickly, was a prayer meeting that lasted until twelve.

The days went much too quickly; it wasn't long before we were on the boat leaving behind us the camp where we had spent such pleasant days together.

—Miss Elizabeth Pederson, Starbuck. (Thanks, Manitoba, for letting us know what you are doing. Let us hear from you again.—Ed.)



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